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DR MAHATHIR RETURNS HOME FROM TRIP TO CANADA AND JAPAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned home today after attending the fifth annual summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum in Canada and making a stopover and a working visit to Tokyo.

Dr Mahathir's chartered Malaysia Airlines plane touched down at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport in Subang, near here, at 4.30pm.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was met at the airport by several cabinet ministers.

While in Vancouver, the prime minister delivered a keynote address on "Government and Business: Working Together for Economic Development" at the meeting of chief executive officers of the world's most prominent companies.

He also attended a breakfast meeting with United States President Bill Clinton.

In Japan, Dr Mahathir held a closed-door meeting with key Japanese industrialists and witnessed the signing of a joint venture agreement between Malaysia's Usra Tampi Sdn Bhd, Premier Choice Sdn Bhd and Japan's Metro Denso Co Ltd for the manufacture of automotive and electronic components. -- BERNAMA

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